

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, lines 13-20 in the application according to the following:

The housing 14 receives and supports a sensor element 46 including an outer or exhaust electrode communicating with the exhaust gas stream, and an inner or reference electrode communicating with reference air, as understood by those skilled in the art. A seal ring 18 is positioned between the sensor element 46 and the housing 14 to seal the sensor element 46 to the housing 14. Reference is made to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/610,479 filed on June 30, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 6,843,105, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, for discussion of additional features of the housing 14 and the sensor element 46 not described herein.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, lines 5-11 in the application according to the following:

With continued reference to Fig. 1, the bushing 114 includes two internal passageways 134a, 134b extending therethrough. The passageways 134a, 134b receive respective "signal" and "ground" contact plate assemblies 138a, 138b that electrically connect the reference electrode and the exhaust electrode to respective wire leads extending from the sensor 10 for electrical connection to the ECU. The wire leads, in addition to other components (e.g., seals, grommets, and the like) that may be used with the sensor 10, are shown in the previously-referenced U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/610,479 6,843,105.